among these technologies and model developed are Sloping Watershed Environmental Engineering Technology (SWEET), Contour-Hedgerow-Farming-System Technology (CHFST), Sloping Area Land Technology (SALT), and Silvi-Pasture Model for Wasteland Restoration in Western Himalayan region. Under the Integrated Eco-development Research Programme, the Institute imparted training to 969 persons during 2003-04.

Besides the Ministry of Agriculture also implements Special Schemes appropriate for the region. These relate to facilitating availability of seeds, and assistance provided under Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in all Himalayan States. The Mission is aimed at improving productivity and quality of horticulture crops, reducing post-harvest losses, promoting export-oriented growth, promoting higher return to producers, and developing a strong base for technology transfer, and human resource development.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

3938. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN has imposed a Wild Life Trade ban on India for non-compliance with the requirements of a law to specifically protect wild animals and plants life listed by the UN administered Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES);

(b) if so, the specific allegations of violation of CITES made by the UN; and

(c) the Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) At present there is

no such ban on India. An Advisory was issued to all the Parties on 24.12.2004 by CITES to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with India due to non-compliance of an earlier commitment to have a CITES specific legislation. On receipt of a legislation plan from India, the said recommendation has been withdrawn on 14.03.2005.

Environment Courts

3939. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Environment Courts in all the States to deal with environmental issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these courts are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Law Commission, in it's 186th Report, has *inter alia* recommended establishment of separate 'Environment Courts' at the State level consisting of judicial and scientific experts in the field of environment, for dealing with environmental disputes besides having appellate jurisdiction in respect of appeals under the various Pollution Control Laws.The recommendations of the report are under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) No Sir. The States have not been consulted at this stage, as the recommendations of the Report are still under consideration of the Central Government.

Food Processing Park Project for Madhya Pradesh

†3940. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a project of Food Processing Parks for Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.